

Appln No. 10/611,355

Reply to Office action of November 30, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action dated November 30, 2004, has been reviewed and the comments carefully considered.

In the Office action, various issues and questions are raised concerning the description of the variety. By the amendments in the accompanying Substitute Specification, Applicant has made a bona fide effort to address all issues and questions.

With reference to item (f), Applicant respectfully submits that the species designation "*Senecio heritieri*" is a common one, which is used, for example, on the website of the New York Botanical Garden. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits the correction is not necessary.

With regard to item (av), Applicant respectfully notes that pistil and stamen are clearly defined in the specification, for example, on page 13, line 32 through page 14 line 1 and from page 18, line 26 to page 19, line 1, respectively. Applicant notes that the recitation "5 anthers are connate" has been amended to read "a disk floret has 5 connate anthers".

In view of the foregoing amendment and response, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and, accordingly, reconsideration and allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any questions remain regarding the allowability of the application, Applicant would appreciate if the Examiner would advise the undersigned by telephone.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

By Cynthia A. Bonner
Cynthia A. Bonner
Reg. No. 44,548
626/795-9900

CAB/tt